

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

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A RESOLUTION to commend Councilman James Bruce Stanley for his honorable and astute service to the people of Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Councilman James Bruce Stanley is one such representative who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in his chosen endeavors, and who has dedicated himself to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the good people of District 14 (Donelson-Hermitage) evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Mr. Stanley by electing him as their representative to the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County, an illustrious tenure that ended in 2003 after he had served two terms; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished term of office, James Bruce Stanley served on numerous committees and chaired four committees, which included the Education Committee (Chair 2001-2002), Parks, Library and Recreation Committee (Chair 1997-1998), Noise Mitigation Committee (Chair 1996-1999), and the McGavock Cluster Capital Needs Committee (Chair 2000-2001); and

WHEREAS, Councilman Stanley has for many years been a prominent figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, during his outstanding tenure on the Metro Council, James Bruce Stanley sponsored legislation to benefit the community in the areas of regulating consignment sales, excessive noise from entertainment establishments, and floodplain development; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University in 1986 and an ever-dedicated public servant, Mr. Stanley received his Licensed Teacher Certification in 2002 to teach History and Social Studies at secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to his community is so profound and entrenched that James Bruce Stanley has even coauthored a book entitled *Donelson & Hermitage, Tennessee. A Suburban History*, a sociopolitical history of the community and its integration into Metropolitan Nashville, which was published in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley's expertise and commitment to Metropolitan Nashville, especially the Donelson-Hermitage community, dates back several decades to when he was a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association from 1987 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, always an active proponent of strong neighborhoods, Mr. Stanley also currently serves as a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, the President of the Stanford Estates Homeowners Association, and on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Neighborhood Alliance; and

WHEREAS, James Bruce Stanley's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend James Bruce Stanley for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, honor him for his eight years of meritorious service on the Metropolitan Council, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.